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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Reference Service  
SUBJECT : CRS Dissemination Trends, 1967 - 1972

1. Attached is our annual report on CRS dissemination data by source. The chart compares the volume of current 1972 document receipts with that of 1967. The data does not include State, Defense or other non-codeword cables, FRIS or open literature. CIA finished intelligence is distributed directly by Printing Services Division and does not go through CRS.

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3. The attached chart indicates that we now disseminate [redacted] on an item-by-item basis, via the MAD system, but it does not evidence some other important trends and highlights in dissemination activity (1967-1972), notably:

a. Significant changes in dissemination requirements resulting from the numerous organization changes during this period, e.g., OCI's reorganization in 1969 and OER's in 1972, OSR's establishment in 1967 and reorganization in 1970.

b. Reduced overseas reporting because of budget cuts, particularly the State BALPA program.

c. Changing emphasis in dissemination requirements to more specific and specialized fields, especially economics and narcotics.

d. An increase in caveats and restrictions on dissemination of CIA reports to outside agencies, especially by the DDP and [redacted]

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